(iii) Indian Mithai after meals in first class.

(iv) 'Sake' served for Japanese passengers, on the India — Japan sector.

To improve the catering on board further, menu compositions are being worked out in consultation with renowned Chefs.

विभिन्न विमान कंपनियों के कारगो विमान

2328. **श्री गोविन्दराव आदिक :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एयर इंडिया, इंडियन एयरलाइन्स तथा अन्य किसी निजी विमान कम्पनियों के पास कोई कारगो विमान नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इससे भारतीय निर्यातकों को या तो विदेशी कम्पनियों पर निर्भर होना पड़ता है अथवा समुद्री मार्ग का सहारा लेना पड़ता है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने के लिए भविष्य में कारगो विमान सेवा शुरू करने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) से (ङ) एयर इंडिया, इंडियन एयरलाइन्स तथा एयर टैक्सी प्रचालक कोई कारगो विमान नहीं लेते । तथापि एयर इंडिया ने दो कारगो विमान एक.-आई.एल.-76एफ. तथा एक डी.सी.-8/73 एफ. पट्टे पर लिए हैं। और भारत/यू.एस.ए./भारत तथा भारत यूरोप सैक्टरों पर नियमित मालवाही सेवायें प्रचालित करता है । सीमित कारगो क्षमता एयर इंडिया की अनुसूचित यात्री सेवाओं पर विभिन्न गंतव्य स्थानों के लिए भी प्रदान की जाती हैं । कारगो के लिए भारतीय विदेशी एयरलाइनों द्वारा मुक्त गगन नीति के तहत पर्याप्त कारगो क्षमता भी प्रदान की जा रही है । इस लिए सरकार द्वारा किसी भी नई कारगो सेवा को आरम्भ करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है ।

Demand for Air route from Darjeeling

2329. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council has asked the Central Government for permission for opening up air route for a small aircraft upto Darjeeling; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No such request has been received by D.G.C.A. who is the competent authority to issue such approval.

Development of Tourism in West Bengal

2330. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will he Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes submitted by West Bengal to the Central Government for the development of tourism in the State during the last three years;

(b) what are the scheme approved by the Central Government; and

(c) what amount of funds was released for the execution of such scheme during the period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) to (c) A statement showing the schemes submited by the Government of West Bengal which were approved and sanctioned in the last three years for the development of tourism in the State, alongwith funds released for each schemes is appended.

Statement

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1991-92

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the project/scheme	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	West Bengal :		
1.	Wayside facility at Damkhali	14.42	7.00
2.	Tourist Lodge at Shankarpur	40.13	20.00
3.	Wayside at Burdhwan	13.71	7.00
4.	Tourist Lodge at Chalsa	22.50	11.00
5.	Tourist Lodge at Bankura	29.90	10.00
6.	Tents for Buxar (Dooar)	2.41	1.00
7.	Tented accommodation in Darjeeling Hill Area (DGHC Project)	5.10	3.00
8.	Para sailing equipment	15.08	7.00
9.	Rafting Centre Rally, (DGHC Project)	11.65	5.83
10.	Trekking equipment for Kalimpong (DGHC Project)	19.93	9.63
11.	Purchase of Boats	4.90	1.25
12.	International Tea Festival	9.50	9.00
	TOTAL :	189.23	91.71

Projects/Schemes santioned during 1992-93

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	West Bengal :		
1.	Augmentation of facilities at Mainak Tourist Lodge, Siliguri (under equity pattern of funding)	29.00	14.50
2.	Tourist Lodge at Madarihat	17.27	1.00
3.	Floating Restaurant on Hogli River, Calcutta	42.83	21.00
4.	Diamond Harbour Festival	5.00	2.50
	TOTAL :	94.10	39.00

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1993-94

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
	West Bengal :		
1.	Tourist Lodge at Vishnupur	34.21	5.00
2.	Restaurant at Gadiyara	10.85	5.00
3.	Tourist Lodge at Berahampore	21.64	10.50
4.	Tourist Lodge at Jayanti	23.40	11.50
5.	Tourist Lodge at Jangal Mahal	20.88	10.00
6.	Tourist Lodge (Wayside facility) at Pashupati, Darjeeling	24.14	5.00
7.	Travel and Tourist Festival, Calcutta	0.50	0.50
8.	Royal Calcutta Golf Club	31.68	10.00
	TOTAL :	167.30	57.50

Tourist facilities in Arunachal Pradesh

2331. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to improve the tourist facilities in Arunachal Pradesh which has great tourist potential; and

(b) the reasons for which the regular Vayudoot services have been discontinued in Arunachal Pradesh exeept two places?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Central Department of Tourism sanctioned twenty one projects|schemes amounting to Rs 149.86 lakhs for supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in augmenting|creating tourist accommodation facilities in Arunachal Pradesh during the VIIth Plan period, and the periods 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(b) Due to commercial and operational reasons, services from a large number of stations were withdrawn. However, Vayudoot is now flying to two stations in Arunachal Pradesh.

Air India Medical Clinic, Bombay

2332. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the arrangement at the Air India Medical Clinic at Air India Building, Nariman Point, Bombay for procurement of drugs till December, 1993;

(b) whether it is a fact that the above arrangement has been changed since December, 1993;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the change and what is present arrangement for procurement of drugs at the above clinic; and

(d) what is the total expenditure incurred on drugs under the present arrangement till 31st March, 1994 and for the corresponding period last year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Stores and Purchase Department in Air India procures drugs against the requisition made by the Medical Clinics. This practice